

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-31
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**

(Issued December 30, 1999)

On November 9, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S West), and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Citizens) (collectively, the "Applicants") filed a "Joint Application" for an order approving the proposed reorganization, discontinuance of service, and transfer of certificates, pursuant to IOWA CODE §§ 476.77, 476.20 and 476.29 (1999). The filing has been identified as Docket No. SPU-99-31.

On December 13, 1999, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed a petition to intervene in this docket. AT&T states it has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of this proceeding, as it currently purchases services from U S West. Additionally, AT&T currently has an interconnection agreement with U S West in Iowa. This reorganization could have a dramatic impact on the availability of services AT&T is currently purchasing from U S West.

The Board will grant the petition to intervene. It appears AT&T's interest, as a certificated competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in Iowa, is sufficient to justify granting AT&T's petition for intervention.

The Board believes that AT&T's interests are sufficiently different from those of the general public to justify its intervention and participation in this docket, apart from Consumer Advocate. Further, it appears the perspectives of CLECs with respect to the Board's evaluation of the proposed reorganization, discontinuance of service, and transfer of certificates may be helpful in assembling and assessing the record in this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The petition to intervene filed on December 13, 1999, by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of December, 1999.